

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 9-12, 17, 18 and 22 have been elected for prosecution and claims 2-6, 8, 13-16, 19-21 and 23-32 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The applicant traverses the finding by the examiner that Figs. 1-7 identify a different species from Fig. 8. Fig. 8 simply shows the intraocular lens of Fig. 3 with the restraining element in dissolved away. That is, Fig. 3 shows the lens at step of 204 of the method, while Fig. 8 shows the same lens at step 208 of the method. (See page 11, lines 23-25.) Correction to the identification of the species in this regard is requested. The applicant does not otherwise traverse the examiner's identification of the species.

Further, the examiner states that currently no claims are generic. The applicant respectfully traverses this statement. Specifically in accord with the limitations of claim 1, each species requires:

- a) an optic portion adapted to focus light, said optic portion having a first flexibility;
- b) a peripheral portion about said optic portion, said peripheral portion having a second flexibility less than said first flexibility; and
- c) a restraining element provided to said peripheral portion and adapted to maintain said optic portion in a stressed state,

said restraining element adapted to be removed after completion of an eye surgery without an invasive surgical procedure,

wherein upon removal of said restraining element, said optic portion is biased toward an unstressed state.

Therefore, claim 1 is generic to each of the identified species.

Claim 11 has been amended to correct an inadvertent omission of the word "said" in the claim. The scope of claim 11 has not been altered.

It is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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